

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, and 17-44 are pending. Claims 17-19 have been amended. Claims 6-16 and 45-49 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Claims 6 and 16 have been canceled. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 16 and the term "primary circuit" has been changed to recite --given circuit--. Claim 15 has been canceled.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 12 has been canceled.

Claims 6-10, 14, 16, 45, 46, 47, and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ohuchi. Applicants traverse the rejection. These claims have been canceled to be prosecuted in a subsequent application.

Claims 11-13, 15, 18-19, and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohuchi. Applicants traverse the rejection. Claims 11-13, 15, and 48 have been canceled. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from claim 17.

Claim 17 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 17 has been amended to include the features of claim 16. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 20-40 and 41-44.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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